



My dear Sir

Albion, N.Y. Feb. 22. 1836

I have in the first place to thank you for a most acceptable addition to my general herbarium which was very deficient in N. E. Plants.

I have in return sent you all the duplicates I possess of the Cyperacea & I cannot but regret that there are not more of them - It will however afford me much pleasure to collect them for you when I have the opportunity, and I hope to be enabled to send you many more of them & likewise of the Grapes at some future period. - I have numbered those species which I was not certain of - for a double purpose - that of getting the name from you, if you were acquainted with them, or of giving you the information when I obtained it from any other source - You mention in your letter to Mr. Christy that you have a number of plants to dispose of which were collected by the late Dr. de Schweinitz in Florida &c. - I shall be most happy to become a purchaser of them, or of any other that you may consider interesting, at the rate you mention &c. - You are kind enough to ask me what are my favorite tribes. - I feel it difficult to answer this question, as my love for them all just increases in proportion to my knowledge of them.

at present. I am over head & ears in love with  
the Ferns & Mosses - My new plan having enabled  
me to grow these most interesting plants with com-  
plete success, although living in a most unhealthy  
part of the town - I have provided accommodation  
for at least five hundred species & am therefore  
very anxious to make my dried collection as com-  
plete as possible, in order to facilitate my study  
of them. - Through your kindness, & that of my friend  
J. Booth I already possess most of the common  
American ferns, but I am still very deficient in  
those Mosses which are not natives of England.

I have families - I may mention the Hypo - Lichens  
or Fungi - the Archidea - Dismyces or  
Pediculars - Any thing that you have to spare  
would however be acceptable - I should like specimens  
of your early spring plants.

I have sent you some living plants in one of my  
cases - This case is a counterpart of those now  
employed to send plants to all parts of the world, -  
You will much oblige me by returning the case  
filled with your native species of ferns, neohidra  
plants, or any thing else you may please to send  
and I can with sincerity assure you that it will  
afford me much pleasure to continue the correspondence  
with living as well as with dead plants.

Believe me to be, My dear Sir

Yours most truly

N. B. Ward

